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IRAQ

- I. Two years after the Qasim revolution in Iraq, the political situation remains unstable.
  - A. Qasim's popularity is waning and open public criticism of his regime is mounting.
- II. During the last few days we have received several reports of new plotting to overthrow Qasim.
  - A. One of these involves a small group of anti-Communist Arab nationalists who plan to kill him by using a bazooka to blow up his car.
  - B. Another includes dissident army officers concerned over Communist inroads in Iraq.
- III. Qasim has foiled several plots in the past, but there is always the possibility that some day a plot will succeed.
  - A. A year ago he was seriously wounded in such an attempt.

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